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Occupancy of Selective Service Building

FROM:

John F. Blake
Deputy Director for Administration
Room 7D-24, Headquarters

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NO.

DDA 76-3788

DATE

28 July 1976

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TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

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To 1:

The attached is forwarded for your concurrence and routing to the Director for his signature.

To 2:

I have deliberately avoided any mention of the five-year tenure in the Selective Service Building. I wish to give that thought no credence and, further, proceed on the assumption that possession is nine tenths of the law. Adherence to that philosophy, plus our investment in the Selective Service Building leads me to believe that the alleged five-year tenure will turn out to be an acceptable matter.

STATINTL

John F. Blake

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

Mr. Robert E. Barnett
Chairman
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
Washington, D.C. 20429

Dear Mr. Barnett:

I am in receipt of your letter of 21 July 1976 concerning the forthcoming occupancy of the Selective Service Building at 1724 F Street, N.W., by the Intelligence Community Staff, which operates under my jurisdiction.

I am sympathetic to your problem and, indeed, also suffer from the inconvenience of operating an agency whose physical facilities are dispersed in the Washington metropolitan area. It is unfortunate, however, that I can offer little more than sympathy for several reasons. Executive Order 11905, issued by the President on 18 February 1976, mandates that I undertake certain actions to strengthen the management and increase the efficiency of the United States Intelligence Community. In serving this mandate it is absolutely essential that the Intelligence Community Staff be relocated from its present quarters in the CIA Headquarters Building at Langley, Virginia, to a more centrally accessible area. The General Services Administration was helpful in obtaining the Selective Service Building for us and it almost ideally meets our needs. The building has already been awarded to us for total occupancy, extensive architectural and engineering drawings have been made for its reconfiguration, construction bids have been received and the General Services Administration is prepared to award a contract during the week of 1 August 1976.

Even if I were legally able to consider your offer, I would be inhibited in so doing by sacrificing all the work that has been done to date looking forward to our occupancy of the Selective Service Building.

A second mitigating factor in this matter is that I lack the authority to negotiate your offer. Space is provided to house elements under my jurisdiction by the General Services Administration and your offer to me of



21 July is more properly addressed to the General Services Administration. Even under those conditions, however, I feel under obligation to proceed with our well-developed plans for total occupancy of the Selective Service Building.

While I wish I could appear to be more cooperative in this matter, I do assure you that we look forward to developing fine neighborly relations with you and your colleagues.

Sincerely,

George Bush
Director

ORIGINATED BY:

/s/ John F. Blake

John F. Blake
Deputy Director for
Administration

28 July 1976
(Date)

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